

The following comments are in regard to NAB petition 04-160:

As a citizen living in a rural area, I sometimes find it necessary to travel to a major metropolitan area for services that are not always offered in my location. I rely on traffic and weather reports to not only plan my trip but to provide me with the most efficient route to my destination (i.e., avoiding traffic difficulties in unfamiliar surroundings). I find satellite radio as the best means to accomplish this because, with nationwide coverage, I can assess conditions well before I arrive in the area where I need the information and can plan accordingly. It is very distracting and sometimes dangerous while driving to try and find a local radio station that can provide me with the necessary information in a timely manner.

I find it very disheartening to hear the FCC is considering petition 04-160 and, consequently, stopping satellite radio from providing information that I rely on.

Please consider rejecting petition 04-160.